

# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**  
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange

Travel date(s): September 1 - 8, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$1,820	\$1,480	\$500	\$2,100 (tour guides, entrance fees, speakers, security)

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): **Please see attached.**

10/3/2019  
(Date)

Grant Dubler  
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]  
(Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

10/3/2019  
(Date)

(Revised 1/3/11)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Form RE-2

# EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Grant Dubler

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Jacky Rosen

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange

Travel date(s): September 1 - 8, 2019

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Tel Aviv, Israel, and Jerusalem

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As Senator Rosen's Legislative Director, I am her chief policy advisor on all matters, including foreign affairs, trade, national security, energy, water, technology, and numerous other issue areas. I am also the designated legislative staffer covering the US-Israel relationship and efforts to combat anti-Semitism. This trip will help me better advise the Senator on the importance and implications of the US-Israel relationship and will help me gain a deeper understanding of policy issues affecting the region. It will also allow me to have a better grasp of issues directly impacting legislation coming before the Senate.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

8/15/19  
(Date)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Jacky Rosen hereby authorize Grant Dubler  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

8/19/2019  
(Date)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): AJC (American Jewish Committee) through Project Interchange, and educational institute of AJC.
2. Description of the trip: A six day educational seminar, inclusive of travel, in Israel where participants meet with experts and peers to learn about and discuss issues relevant to Israel and the Middle East.
3. Dates of travel: September 1-8, 2019
4. Place of travel: Israel (Tel Aviv and Jerusalem)
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator Jacky Rosen, Dara Cohen, Chief of Staff, see attached
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
  - OR –
  - ☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
  - AND –
  - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - AND –
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



**9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

**I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:**

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

- OR -

- ☒ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

**10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

**If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:**

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:**

**AJC headquartered in New York is the non-profit sponsoring and conducting the trip.**

**AJC is solely responsible for funding this trip.**

Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AJC is committed to building a safer, more secure future for the Jewish people, Israel and all humanity.

The trip will educate the Senator and her staff about Israel and the need for a secure Jewish state.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

**2018: House Cmte. Foreign Affairs staffer attended the AJC BILLA Strategic Forum in Miami**

**February 2007; March 2005: Bi-Partisan Congressional Staff Delegation (House and Senate staff)**

**June 2003: Bi-Partisan Congressional Staff Delegation (House staff)**

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

In addition to Project Interchange delegations, AJC hosts an annual conference and contributes to op-eds, hosts conferences on important issues (anti-Semitism). AJC also has internet publications on issues.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	Total: \$1,840 round trip economy airfare: \$1,120	Total: \$1,480 Tel Aviv Hotel: \$900  Jerusalem Hotel: \$580	Total: \$500 Tel Aviv Meals: \$250  Jerusalem Meals: \$250	Total: \$2,100  tour guides, entrances fees, speakers, security
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	ground transportation: \$720			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The delegation is based in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem as those are the best places to meet with the relevant leaders and experts.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv: Eliezer Peri St 10, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel

Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem: Shlomo ha-Melekh St 11, Jerusalem, Israel

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

These are the hotels we regularly secure for delegations.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

The daily expenses are at or under the State Department per diem rates for Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Lodging is below the maximum per diem; meals are below the maximum per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

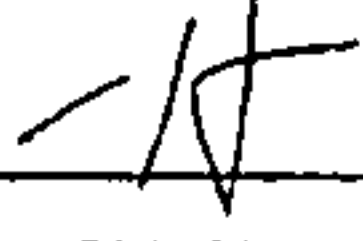
AJC provides roundtrip economy class airfare to all participants. In Israel the group will use a standard charter coach bus for daily transportation.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35)

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Marc Stern, Chief Legal Officer

Name of Organization: American Jewish Committee (AJC)

Address: 165 E. 56th Street, New York, NY 10021

Telephone Number: 212-891-1480

Fax Number: 212-891-1495

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Dear Mr. Dubler,

This delegation will serve as a comprehensive introduction to Israel. While each itinerary is unique, all programs examine the complex issues facing Israel and the region and include travel to significant historic, political, religious, and cultural sites. Through meetings with Jewish, Arab-Israeli, and Palestinian leaders, senior government officials and academics, NGO representatives, and religious leaders, participants will gain insight into government, security issues and human and civil rights in Israel. The delegation will highlight the topics of immigration, pluralism, and the art of bridging cultures within a politically and ethnically diverse society. Discussions in Ramallah with Palestinian leaders will provide a further range of opinions and perspectives. Each delegation is accompanied by a professional Israeli tour guide and an AJC/PI professional.

This invitation is being extended to a select group and includes round-trip economy class airfare from your nearest international airport to Tel Aviv, ground transportation in Israel, hotel accommodations and most meals. Participants are responsible only for the cost of a few meals, travel expenses to and from your closest international airport, and any personal expenses incurred in Israel. This delegation is intended primarily for first-time visitors to Israel, or those that have not traveled on an educational delegation with a Jewish organization.

**We hope you can join us for this truly unique experience in Israel.**

Sincerely,

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**Nisha R. Abkarian**  
Director  
Project Interchange

Adam And Smith

**Debra Smith Saidoff**  
National Chair  
Project Interchange



## List of Senate Invitees

**Senator Jacky Rosen**

**Dara Cohen, Chief of Staff, Senator Jacky Rosen**

**Grant Dubler, Legislative Director, Senator Jacky Rosen**

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**September 1 – 8, 2019**

12:45-2:00pm      **The Past, Present and Future of U.S.– Israel Relations, lunch and discussion**  
with *Ambassador Dan Shapiro*, at the Rabin Center

This session will enable the delegation to hear from a former U.S. diplomat who previously served as Ambassador. This meeting will provide a diplomatic overview of Israel's place in the region (security issues, politics, etc.) and allow the group to process everything they have learned throughout the day.

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| 2:00-2:30pm | Proceed to the BIRD Foundation   |
| 2:30-4:00pm | <b>U.S.-Israel Cybersecurity Cooperation</b> , discussion with Dr. <i>Eitan Yudelevich</i> , Executive Director, BIRD Foundation, <i>Ruth Shoham</i> , Executive Director, Strategy and Capacity Building, Israel National Cyber Directorate, and others, at the BIRD Foundation |

This session will enable the delegation to hear from top cybersecurity experts to learn about cybersecurity advancements in Israel and the partnerships between U.S. and Israeli companies that work with BIRD.

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| 7:00-7:30pm | Proceed to the Traklin Restaurant  |
| 7:30-9:00pm | <b>Energy Solutions and U.S. - Israel Cooperation</b> , dinner and discussion with <i>Nir Wolf</i> , Executive Vice President, ORMAT Technologies, at the restaurant |

This session allows the delegation to meet with an executive of company based in Israel and Nevada to continue to build connections.

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| Overnight | Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv |
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### Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – Day 4

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| 7:30-10:15am  | Proceed to the Mount Adir on Lebanese Border  |
|               | During the ride to the Lebanese Border, the group will be briefed by the guide and AJC Chief Policy and Political Affairs Officer, Jason Isaacson about Northern Israel including the population breakdown, history and security issues that communities in the north are facing. |
| 10:30-11:30pm | <b>Overview on the Lebanese Border, and Hezbollah Activities</b> , briefing by <i>Lt. Col. (res.) Sarit Zehavi</i> , Founder and CEO, Alma  |

This session will focus on the geostrategic borders in the north of Israel, specifically with Lebanon and the ongoing Hezbollah activities that cross into Israel including missiles and tunnels.

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| 11:30-12:00pm | Proceed to Alma Research and Education Center, at Tefen Industrial Zone |
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12:15pm-1:00pm      **Group Lunch and Discussion at Alma Center with Lt. Col. (res.) Sarit Zehavi, Founder and CEO, Alma**

1:30-2:00pm      **Challenges Facing the Arab Minority in Israel Minorities, discussion with Ibrahim Abu Ahmad, Senior Researcher at Alma Research and Education Center**

This session will focus on the Arab-Israeli population of Israel. This is a key session to discover what the Arab-Israeli population faces and how they view their place in Israeli society.

2:15pm-3:30pm      **Proceed to REFAEL Industries in Leshem**

3:30-4:30pm      **Meet with Iron Dome Engineers**

This session will focus on the equipment for Iron Dome, David's Sling and Arrow 3 systems. The group will meet with the engineers who design the technology that they will see deployed in the field on Thursday.

4:45-7:00pm      **Proceed to Tel-Aviv**

**Free Evening**

Overnight      **Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv**

## **Thursday, September 5, 2019 – Day 5**

7:30-8:30am      **Proceed to an Iron Dome Battery, near Ashkelon**

7:30-8:30am      **Israel and International Law, discussion with David Benjamin, Founder and Director, Security and International Law Specialists (SILS), on the bus**

This session will focus on the legal side of how Israel responds to tensions and violence in Gaza, and how international law applies to a state vs non- state actor like Hamas.

9:00-9:45am      **Visit Iron Dome Battery and meet with IDF Soldiers**

The group will be able to see an Iron Dome Battery in the field and speak with soldiers about how it operates and serving in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

10:00-12:00pm      **Proceed to Ramallah**



12:00-1:30pm      **The Mood in the Palestinian Street**, lunch and discussion with *Dr. Khalil Shikaki*, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, at Darna restaurant

This session will allow the Senator to hear what Palestinians are thinking about issues of security, peace and a one or two-state solution. Dr. Shikaki is a prominent pollster who will be able to explain what Palestinians would demand in a peace agreement.

1:45-3:00pm      **Palestinian Entrepreneurship**, discussion with *Avi Nudelman*, former CEO of Israeli-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce & *Tareq Maayah*, Founder, Exalt Technologies, at his company

This session will highlight business cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians and see a Palestinian technology company.

3:15-4:30pm      Proceed to the Mamilla hotel in Jerusalem; and check in

5:30-6:30pm      **Israeli Palestinian Relations – The Road Ahead**, discussion with *Dr. Tal Becker*, Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), at the hotel

This session will give the Israeli point of view about past peace negotiations, what Israelis would demand from a peace agreement and allow the group to ask questions of a former peace negotiator to synthesize everything she saw in the West Bank and all previous sessions.

7:30-8:00pm      Proceed to Piccolino restaurant

8:00-9:30pm      **Religion, State and Pluralism**, dinner and discussion with Rabbi David Rosen, Director of International Interreligious Affairs, and Director of Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding, AJC, at Piccolino restaurant

This session will delve into the tensions between secular and religious Israelis, Israel as a democratic state and how Israel protects all of the religions in its borders.

Overnight      Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

### **Friday, September 6, 2019 – Day 6**

7:45-8:15am      Proceed to the Western Wall Tunnels

8:30-10:00am      **Guided Tour of the Western Wall Tunnels**

The Western Wall Tunnels explore the ancient space under the Western Wall to learn the significance of the religious, historical and archeological ties to the Old City.

11:00-1:00pm	<b>Guided Tour of Yad Vashem</b>
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**1:00-2:00pm Holocaust Education, lunch and discussion with *Sheryl Silver Ochayon*, Director, Echoes and Reflections Program for Teachers, the Yad Vashem International School for Holocaust Studies**

**2:15-2:30pm**                  **Proceed to the Old City of Jerusalem**

**2:30-4:30pm**      **Tour of the Old City, including a visit to The Western Wall**

The guided tour of the Old City will be conducted by the licensed Israeli tour guide who accompanies the group. He will give the history of the four quarters and lead a discussion about understanding of the ancient Jewish connection to the land and seeing how Israel protects and respects the holy sites of other religions. The group will learn how the Muslim sites are under the governing power of the Jerusalem Islamic Waqf which is Jordanian controlled. The group will visit the Western Wall, walk the via Dolarosa, visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and view the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosques from the Western Wall Plaza. In seeing the small space that these holy sites of three religions inhabit, the group will understand how a small action- excavation of a new site or part of sermon from Friday prayers can disrupt the fragile calm and lead to global religious issues.

**BREAK**

**5:30-6:30pm**      **Review and Reflection, with *Jason Isaacson*, AJC Chief Policy and Political Affairs Officer, at the hotel**

During this session, the delegation will reflect on their time and what was learned.

**6:45-7:45pm**                      **Proceed to Rosh-Ha'ayin Village**

8:00-9:30pm **Shabbat Dinner**, at the home of *Lt. Col. (res.) Avital Leibovich*, Director, AJC Jerusalem, and her husband *Ronen*, with invited guests

Avital Leibovich, the Director of AJC Jerusalem is hosting Shabbat Dinner for the delegation. In addition to discussion of Shabbat rituals, the conversation will include a discussion of where current events and what the future likely holds.

**9:30-10:30pm**      **Proceed to Jerusalem**



Overnight Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

**Saturday, September 7, 2019 – Day 7**

7:00-8:00am Proceed to Masada and the Dead Sea

8:30-10:00am **History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire at Masada**

The group will have a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site at the National Archeological Park at Masada to learn about the history of ancient palaces of Herod the Great and learn about the Jewish revolt against Roman rule that occurred there. Masada is a symbol of the ancient Jewish Kingdom of Israel and is a symbol of both Jewish cultural identity and the human struggle between oppression and liberty. It showcases the resilience and fortitude of the ancient Jews that can be seen in today's Israel and helps understand the modern Israeli mindset. The group will also be able to see where the IDF recruits take their oath.

11:30-1:30pm **Exploration of the Dead Sea Region**

The group will tour the Dead Sea region with their tour guide and learn about the environmental concerns in the area- shrinking of the Dead Sea, disruption of the ecosystem, how industry has affected the area and what the government is planning to do to keep water flowing into the Dead Sea. The group will also learn about the Red Sea-Dead Sea Project- an effort between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority to increase water flow to Jordan and slow the evaporation of the Dead Sea. This project is a landmark agreement between Israel and her neighbor to help supply water to Jordan that has run into political and economic setbacks.

1:30-2:15pm **Lunch at the Crown Plaza**

During lunch the group will reflect on their day with the guide and discuss how Israelis view the agreements with neighboring countries to keep the Dead Sea a vibrant piece of the Israeli tourism and economic industry.

2:15-3:30pm Proceed to Israel Museum

3:30-5:15pm **Tour of the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book**

The group will have a guided tour of the Museum and see the current exhibitions including the Diary of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon and photography of Israel. The Diary of Ilan Ramon will illuminate the cooperation agreement between NASA and the Israel Space Agency to send an Israeli astronaut into space. The tour will include a model of the Second Temple. This model shows Jerusalem prior to the destruction by the Romans and gives context to the connection of Jews to the Old City of Jerusalem. This connection to Jerusalem is a flashpoint for peace negotiations with the Palestinians with both sides claiming the city. By seeing and understanding the Jewish connection to the land, through visiting the remnants of the Western Wall, exploring the Western Wall Tunnels and viewing the model of the ancient city, the group will be able to understand the Jewish connection to the land and be able to bring that knowledge back to make policy and speak on issues related to Israel and Jerusalem.

**BREAK**

**Group Dinner at Rashta restaurant, at the Arab Village of Ein Rafa**

12:30am

**Depart Tel Aviv United Airline #73 to Washington Dulles**